



Southeastern Massachusetts Voices Against Violence

October 19, 2006 Minutes

Attendees: Nicole Correia, Jennifer Tingloff, Barbara Clark, Annemarie Matulis, Lorraine Rosa (Via internet)

Discussion Highlights:

National Day of Unity events went well. The Clothesline Project was lightly attended and greater participation in the future might improve with a more convenient location. Parking is difficult at the church. Ideas included Taunton High School, Hopewell Park, the Galleria Mall, or other venues where there are already many people. The best effect is outdoors, weather permitting. A Clothesline Project display in both Attleboro and Taunton may be planned for June 2007.

Dress to Impress received excellent press coverage in the Taunton CALL, Gazette and Enterprise. Annemarie sent corrections to two of the newspapers. In Attleboro, the Sun Chronicle drew lots of support. The project is right on target, with overwhelming public response. The project needs a semi permanent place for clothing drop-offs. Flyers for the ribbon cutting have been circulating. A Bristol County Savings Bank Foundation grant application and a Paul Newman's grant were submitted for operating expenses and materials. Dress to Impress will be open **10/28/06**, from 12-5.

Candlelight Vigil had a slightly smaller number from last year, but a different mix which included Taunton High School and Bristol-Plymouth High School students, and people who attended last year. Other attendees included families, young children and Councilor David Pottier. Four churches rang their bells, and a shofar was blown at Agudas Achim at the same time. Clergy sent thanks for the invitation.

Verizon Project of used cell phone collection continues.

Through My Eyes is a compilation of essays and poetry in support of crime victims as they move forward and heal. Deadline is **12/31/06**.

Domestic Violence Round Table will meet **12/5/06**, 2:30pm, in a Fall River location to be announced. New District Attorney Samuel Sutter attended a recent Safe Neighborhood Initiative meeting. He plans to mandate all staff to get involved in outreach in the volunteer community. The Committee hopes to develop a strong relationship with the new DA. The quarterly meeting for Taunton is scheduled for **3/6/06**. The Pilgrim Congregational church was suggested as venue. Annemarie will contact Reverend Susan.

Gourmet Guys Fundraiser utilizes community minded men who will cook for the 17th annual New Hope fundraiser, on **11/17/06**, 6pm, Attleboro Elks Lodge. For information, call Jamie at **508-226-4015**.

GTHHSC/CHNA24 Annual Meeting will be held **11/21/06**, 8:30am. See cover article.

Marketing Events – New Hope activities calendar may be included in the SEMA-VAV calendar, to include the Clothesline Project public venues, DV Awareness Month and the April Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities, Annual meetings and Gourmet Guys. This information can be posted on New Hope and Coalition web sites.

2007 National Crime Victim Rights Week is scheduled for April 22-28. Currently there are no conflicts with other coalition or community events. It can include sexual assault, child abuse and violence in general.

Office for Victims of Crime HOPE Grant – Annemarie is writing a \$5,000 grant that helps small grass roots outreach programs who do not receive VOCA funding and have budgets under \$50,000, to expand. Grantees must be collaborations. Letters of support are required and have been requested from coalition agencies. Budget breakdown includes:

- \$2500 – Create an 8 page newsletter on DV awareness, sexual assault, child abuse, date rape, homicide, in English, Spanish and Portuguese, and possibly Kmer.
- \$500 – To support action kits
- \$1500 – Workshops for the Attleboro/Taunton general public.

Next Steps:

- ☐ Contact Josie about a Clothesline Project display at the Galleria Mall. (AMM)
- ☐ Keep the National Day of Unity and Clothesline Project for both cities on the agenda. (LR)
- ☐ Contact Reverend Susan at the Pilgrim Church for a meeting of the DVRT in March. (AMM)
- ☐ Contact the DVRT for the invitation list, and possibility of expansion. (LR)
- ☐ Send Domestic Violence Awareness Month article from Rota, Spain newspaper to Annemarie (LR)

Next Meeting: 11/16/06, 5:00pm, Mass InfoTech

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AGENDA: 11/16/06

I. Assignment of Minutes Taker, Set up for Phone Conferencing

II. Announcements, Introductions

III. Events & Updates

- 2007 National Crime Victims Rights Week
- National Day of Unity & Clothesline Project in Attleboro and Taunton
- Dress to Impress
- Verizon Wireless Hopeline Cell Phones Project
- 2006 Through My Eyes: Voices Against Violence, Voices of Hope
- Garden of Hope – Triumph Head Start
- National Make a Difference Day
- Bristol County Domestic Violence Roundtable: 12/5/06, 2:30, Fall River location TBA

IV. United Way Needs Assessment Focus Group Meetings – Ensuring SEMA-VAV Issues are represented on 12/7/06, 9:00am or 6:30pm, in the Children, Youth & Family Focus Group (Child care, juvenile justice, parenting education, literacy, child abuse prevention, domestic violence, children's programs, etc.). RSVP to Marilyn Godfrey at 508-431-0106, or marilyn@uwgat.org.

V. CHNA Annual Breakfast Meeting: November 21, 2006 – RSVP Today to mcaprosa@hotmail.com. Fill in SEMA-VAV Information Template and bring 50 copies on 11/21/06.

V. Activities Calendar Review

VI. Grant Funding Options

VII. Next Meeting: December 21, 2006, 5:00pm, Mass InfoTech